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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Director of Technical Information,
Department of Defense

1. A meeting was held at 1000 hours on 15 January 1964 with Dr. Walter M. Carlson, Director of Technical Information, Department of Defense, in his office at the Pentagon. In addition to the undersigned, present at the meeting were [redacted]

[redacted] of the OCR Liaison Staff. The purpose of the meeting was to officially request that ORD/CIA be given access, on a classified and unclassified basis, to the Defense Documentation Center (DDC) to insure CIA acquisition of DOD contract and research information.

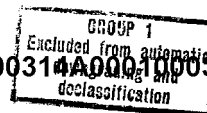
2. While the meeting began in a friendly atmosphere, it became quickly apparent that Dr. Carlson had a problem on his mind that might preclude our working out an acceptable arrangement with DOD. Following some initial probing, Carlson abruptly stated that he was most unhappy with the existing system of dissemination of finished scientific intelligence, specifically, the inability of DD/R&E to place this information in the hands of interested DOD researchers. It was also obvious that he was harboring speculation that CIA might be responsible in part for the problem. Having traveled this rocky road numerous times in the past as a member of OSI, I assured him that this was not a problem created or compounded by CIA but was in all probability a situation that could be resolved within the Department of Defense. In addition, I gave Dr. Carlson a quick briefing on CIA finished intelligence dissemination procedures for which he seemed most grateful. Following this discussion, which seemed to completely satisfy Carlson and, I might add, greatly relieve the air of tension that surrounded the beginning of the meeting, the conversation turned to the real purpose of the meeting as stated in paragraph one (1).

3. Dr. Carlson was given a quick rundown on the organization and responsibilities of ORD. He was also provided justification relating to our needs for classified and unclassified DOD contract

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and research information. The following were used to justify our request of DOD:

a. For purposes of economy and to preclude duplication of research effort, CIA desires to review on a selected basis DOD contract and research information.

b. As it is anticipated that the close research interface with Department of Defense will continue to develop, it is essential that CIA acquire information on existing and proposed DOD research which may have intelligence potential. CIA is particularly interested in these research areas covered by contractual arrangements.

4. Dr. Carlson said that our justification was certainly in line with current Governmental economy measures and DOD objectives. He then stated that, effective immediately, DDC "runs" would be provided to ORD/CIA upon receipt of our requests. Carlson added that he would relay this directive personally to Dr. Robert Stegmaier, Director, DDC, at a meeting scheduled for 1400 today. The details regarding the mechanics for CIA requests and DDC compliance are to be worked out at an early meeting between Dr. Stegmaier and myself. In addition, Carlson requested that CIA forward at its earliest convenience, a memorandum to the DD/R&E confirming this meeting and officially requesting that such an information exchange system be initiated. It is my recommendation that the DD/S&T sign off on such a memorandum.

5. At the close of the meeting, Carlson asked if we had a request in mind at the present time to levy on DDC. Having hopefully anticipated such an opportunity, a request had been prepared in advance and the undersigned requested that DDC provide a classified and unclassified "run" on DOD research in the field of mammal and bird sensory mechanisms. Carlson stated that he would personally take this request to his meeting with DDC personnel this afternoon and use it as a "trial balloon" in line with our agreement. At no time during the meeting did Carlson ask for CIA information on its research program and at no time during the meeting was an offer made to provide such information. The meeting ended at approximately 1050 on a congenial note and with Carlson requesting that he be kept apprised of our progress with DDC. It is my opinion that if the system works as described, then we have attained a major information "breakthrough" with DOD.

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